

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Jerry W. Pope's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Pope devoted more than 40 years of his life to the service of this state and country within the Maintenance and Transportation fields with service in 665th Maintenance Company (GS), 139th Transportation Battalion and as the Command Sergeant Major for the 88th Troop Command providing valuable guidance to officer and enlisted soldiers both locally and abroad in support of the Global War on Terrorism; and,

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Pope has provided service worldwide in countries such as Afghanistan, Egypt, Germany and Panama; and,

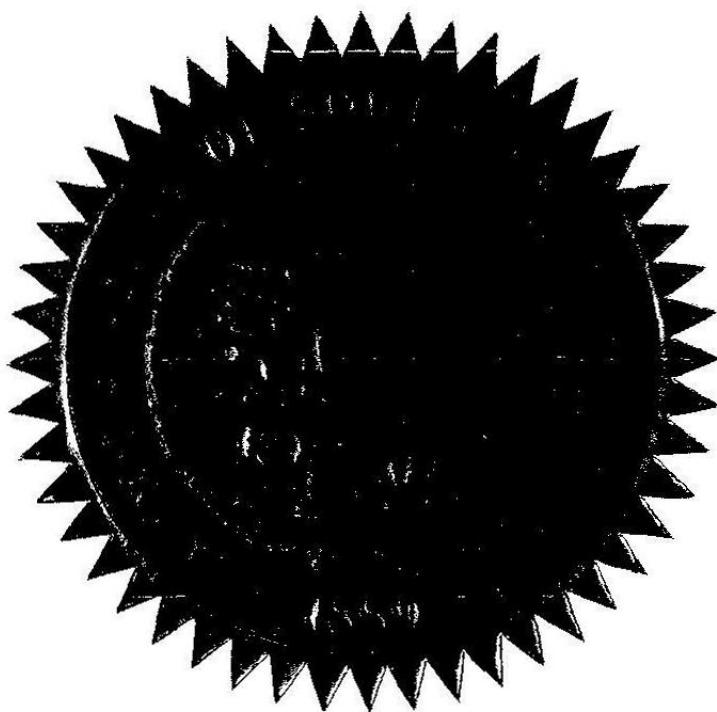
Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Pope continues to give of himself, proudly serving on active duty to educate our nation's youth on the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery of the Northwest Territory outreach program:

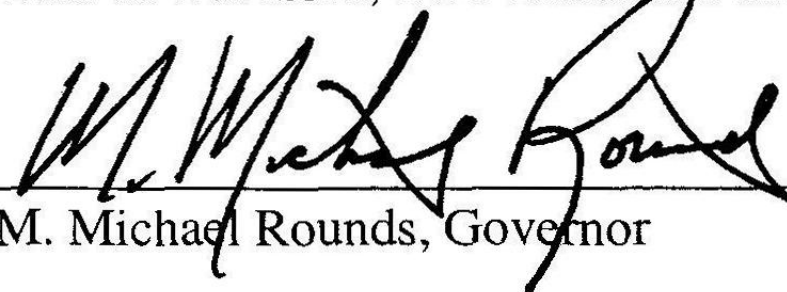
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2006, as

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR JERRY W. POPE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State